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people who believes we need to grow. So I guess I still...I understand where Senator Landis is and we all get to places where we can't change our mind, but it...but it seems to me that this one is...and I agree with him. He invited, graciously invited, everybody stand up and talk about this. That's what we're here for. We're paid to come here and debate the issue, so...and we've heard from people pro and con, but we've got one factor remaining. We're 30 cents apart and I, for one, don't know whether that's too much or too little in the rural area, but I...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: One minute.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: ...know what the consequence of not doing...I think I know what the consequence of not making any adjustment will be, and I would regret that consequence. So I'd urge that we keep thinking and working together. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Brashear. The next speaker is Senator Hartnett, followed by Senators Baker, Stuthman, Chambers, Thompson, Landis, and Beutler.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Madam President and members of the body, to attract a LB 775 project you need a mass of people to do it. Oh, and if you'll look at the history, with the book that was passed out last week, I think we all got it, the 2002 annual report dealing with LB 775 and all the other amendments, most of the projects have gone to Omaha and Lincoln and Lancaster, Douglas, and Sarpy County, so forth. And it's also gone to the first-class cities, and I passed a sheet out with what the wages are in those first-class cities. Twenty-three of the 31 first-class cities have gotten projects; 18 of second-class cities have gotten projects. And I went through over the weekend, since I had some time, first one is Auburn. Auburn pay...their average median wage in Auburn based upon the census of 2000, for men, is 35 thousand, 18 for...thousand for women; Auburn...or I mean Aurora, 29 and 20; Dakota City, 30 and 24; Cozad, 27 and 20. And I can go through all the rest of them, the ones that do it, they do pay more than what we're asking for. The median is more than what we pay...asking for in this amendment. And you know why I think one of the things we looked